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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**  
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**TO:** SPD Central Office Managers  
Area Agency on Aging Directors

**SUBJECT: 2002 Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**

**INFORMATION:** The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) standards were increased effective February 14, 2002. This memo is intended to provide interim guidance to field staff related to implementation of these new standards for new applicants.

Oregon was informed of the increase in the FPL's on February 14, 2002. Due to the Administrative Rule filing process, the rule and SPD Manual changes will not be published until April 1, 2002. For otherwise eligible new applicants applying on or after February 14th, with income exceeding the current income standard but less than the new FPL standard, use the following procedure:

- 1) pend the case on the system and hold the application until after CMS compute deadline in March;
- 2) approve and code the case in the usual manner.
- 3) check the Effective Dates chapter of rules for the various programs.

For most of these new clients the effective date will be:

QMB - May 1

SMB - April 1

For OHP cases honor the original date of request. After CMS compute deadline in March code the case so medical eligibility goes back to the date of request. Since the client will not be enrolled in a plan until April 1<sup>st</sup>, all billings from the date of request until then will be paid on a fee for service basis.

It is important that the new FPL's be considered for individuals and families applying on or after February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The new FPL standards are as follows:

family size	100%	120%	135%	170%	175%	185%	250%
1	738	886	997	1,255	1,292	1,366	1846
2	995	1194	1,343	1,692	1,741	1,841	2488
3	1,252	1502	1,690	2,128	2,190	2,316	3129
4	1,508	1810	2,036	2,564	2,640	2,790	3771
5	1,765	2118	2,383	3,001	3,089	3,265	4413
6	2,022	2426	2,729	3,437	3,538	3,740	5054
7	2,278	2734	3,076	3,873	3,987	4,215	5696
8	2,535	3042	3,422	4,310	4,436	4,690	6338
9	2,792	3350	3,769	4,746	4,885	5,165	6979
10	3,048	3658	4,115	5,182	5,335	5,639	7621
each add'l person	257	308	347	436	449	475	642

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